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SUBJECT: RULES OF ORIGIN FOLLOW-UP IN GENEVA

1. OUR NEGOTIATORS DEALING WITH THE KEY EFTA COUNTRIES
HAVE FOLLOWED THROUGH TO DISCUSS OUR PRIORITY REQUEST TO
THE EC ON RULES OF ORIGIN. WE WANTED TO UNDERLINE WITH
KEY INTERESTED PARTIES THE STATEMENTS YOU MADE TO
HAFERKAMP, DENIAU AND OTHERS THAT THIS IS A PRIORITY ITEM
FOR THE U.S. WE ALSO SOUGHT TO CLARIFY THEIR CURRENT
POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE.

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2. IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES CONTACTED (SWITZERLAND, THE
NORDICS AND AUSTRIA) THEIR REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT
THEY FAVOR ADOPTION OF THE SIMPLIFIED 50-PERCENT RULE AS
HAD BEEN THEIR PRACTICE EARLIER AND AS WE REQUESTED THE
EC. NORDICS REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE RAISED THIS ISSUE
ALSO WITH THE EC IN RECENT CONSULTATIONS, FAVORING OUR
POSITION. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES TO

AIR THEIR VIEWS AGAIN.

3. CLEARLY THE GREAT COMPLEXITIES OF RENEGOTIATING WIDE-SPREAD PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS AS CITED BY HAFERKAMP AND DENMAN IN WASHINGTON ARE EXAGGERATED. A STATEMENT OF INTENT BY THE EC IS ALL WE NEED TO PUT THIS DNE ON THE RIGHT TRACK TOWARD RESOLUTION.

4. POSTSCRIPT: MESSRS. ROCHE AND MCCORMICK AT THE ACTN SESSION ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON EMPHASIZED THAT A RESOLUTION OF THE RULES OF ORIGIN ISSUE SHOULD BE AMONG OUR TOP "FAIR TRADE" PRIORITIES. MCDONALD

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